Minister have been followed while granting gas agencies and dealership of petrol pumps?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) and (b) The required information is given in the attached Statements I and II [*See* Appendix CXLVI, Annexure No. 4]

There is no separate reservation for minorities as such;

(c) Yes, Sir. The benefits of the facilities set up by the oil marketing companies through the dealers flow and are available to members of the minority communities also.

Rural electrification in A.P.

38. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the districtwise number of villages in Andhra Pradesh which have been electrified so far with the assistance of Central Government; and

(b) what was the target for rural electrification in A.P. for the last three years, yearwise, and how much progress has so far been achieved in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) Out of a total of 27,221 villages (1971 census) in Andhra Pradesh, 13,266 *(provisional) villages* are reported to have been electrified upto 31.3.1988 under rural electrification schemes financed by the Rural Electrification Corporation. Available information regarding the district-wise number of villages electrified in Andhra Pradesh under REC Financed Schemes upto 31-3-1987 is given in the enclosed Statement. (*See* below).

(b) The targets and achievements under the rural electrification programme in Andhra Pradesh during the last three years are given below:-

Year	Target		Achievement	
	Village electrification	Pumpsets energisation	Village electrification	Pumpsets energisation
1985-86	800	68000	826	88712
1986-87	815	68370	905	94808
1987-88	815	75000	970*	77824*

(*Up to 29-2-88)

Statement

Villages electrified as on 31st March, 1987

(REC Schemes)

State : *Andhra Pradesh*

Sl. No.	District	Villages eclectrified
1	Srikakulan	1139
2	Vizianagaram	961

Sl. No.	District	Villages electrified
3	Vishakhapatnam	1146
4	East Godavari	438
5	West Godavari	209
6	Krishna	229
7	Guntur	238
8	Prakasam	564
9	Nellore	486
10	Chittoor	314
11	Cuddapah	294
12	Anantpur	350
13	Kurnool	270
14	Rangaredd	469
15	Mehboobbnagar	914
16	Medak	685
17	Nizamabad	396
18	Adilabad	1179
19	Karimnagar	583
20	Warrangal	387
21	Khammam	433
22	Nalgonda	506
23	Hyderabad	—

Applications for setting up industries in Andhra Pradesh

39. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) how many applications were received for setting up industries in Andhra Pradesh during the last three years;

(b) how many of them were received for setting up industries in the Rayalaseema Areas; and

(c) how many of them where cleared/rejected?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) During the calendar year 1985 to 1987, 685 Industrial licence applications were received for setting up industries in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

(b) and (c) Out of the above mentioned 685 Industrial licence applications, 73 applications were for setting up industries in the Rayalaseema Area comprising the districts of Chittoor, Anantapur, Kurnool and Cuddapah. Of these 73 applications, 21 have since been approved and letters of intent granted to the parties concerned and the remaining applications were rejected/otherwise disposed of.

Intensification of oil search

40. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have chalked out any fresh plan to intensify oil exploration activities in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?